

PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) As per the information provided by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), 104 references were received by it from various State Governments for inquiry/investigation during the last three years, *i.e.* 1998, 1999 and 2000. Of these cases, CBI did not take up 10 cases for inquiry/investigation as the facts of the cases did not merit investigation by the CBI. The other references were taken up for inquiry/investigation and 94 cases registered. Out of these cases, charge-sheets have been filed in 45 cases.

(c) No, Sir.

Number of cases arise out of revelations made in Tehelka Tapes

3748. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI prosecutor has reportedly stated that a number of cases, as per law, arise out of the revelations made in the Tehelka tapes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action initiated by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) A complaint dated 20.3.2001 of one Shri R.M. Tiwari, Advocate, New Delhi, based on certain revelations of Tehelka tapes, has been received in CBI in which Shri Tiwari has sought registration of a FIR and further action by CBI. Shri Tiwari is not an officer of CBI though he has been engaged by CBI in a few cases as a Special Counsel. The aforesaid complaint has been sent by Shri R.M. Tiwari in his personal capacity and not in his capacity as a panel lawyer of CBI. The said complaint is being examined by CBI.